

## PERSONAL NOTES.

—J. L. Rogers came in from Tulsa this morning.

—Will Mayes, of Cowskin prairie, came in this morning "on business."

—Mr. Charles, the mechanic at Sac and Fox agency, is in our city today.

—B. F. Miltstead and F. L. Ship are among the Afton visitors at the big circus today.

—Col. W. H. H. Scudder came up with the excursion today from Chelsea to view the circus.

—Miss Mollie Miltstead, of Noosho, came down this morning and is the guest of Mrs. J. A. Paul.

—J. H. Rogers was in from Chelsea today. He is going to embark to considerable extent in the berry culture.

—F. H. Wason and Abraham Mills, of Chetopa, were young enough to come 30 miles to see the big show.

—Jim Whittington came back from Indiana to be present at the trial of John Ellison but will go back next week.

—Carl Gray, division superintendent of the Frisco, is down this way looking after the dispatch of the circus excursion trains.

—Miss May Armstrong and Miss Meredith, of Afton, came down today and were the guests for dinner at the Academy, Miss Armstrong's alma mater.

—Mrs. James Moore, of Kansas City, and Mrs. Davidson, of Butte, Mont., sisters of Mrs. J. W. Miller, are here on a visit and will remain a week or two.

—Fair McSpadden, of Chelsea, was a pleasant caller this morning. He knows Vinita is a good town but is too comfortably situated to ever think of coming here and that's what's the matter with a lot of those Chelsea folks.

## Probabilities.

Fair and warmer tonight and Saturday.

Good cigars only, at Wright's.

Sam Leforce sold 350 steers yesterday.

Gents' bicycle for sale. Enquire here.

That dollar hat at S. S. Cobb's is a daisy.

Bill Dugan and Piper Heidsieck cigars at Gray's.

For a good smoke try "Bill Dugan" cigar at Gray's.

Watch repairing and reliable jewelry at Foreman's.

A good grand square piano for \$75; see Mrs. F. C. Akin.

Wanted—A reliable laundress, at Worcester Academy.

Wanted, a good white girl; apply at once. Mrs. P. L. Soper.

Send notices of all public gatherings to THE DAILY CHIEFTAIN.

Sam Frazier left last night for Fort Worth, Texas, to buy cattle.

The Bain wagon, sold by Vinita Plow Company, is always popular.

For bargains in ladies' and children's cloaks don't fail to see S. S. Cobb.

For beauty and style don't fail to see those shirt waists at S. S. Cobb's.

Have you seen those ladies' and men's shoes for one dollar at S. S. Cobb's.

Burley, the shoemaker, will make it profitable to you to give him your orders.

Geo. W. Childs Cigar, best 5c article on the market, at Wright Drug Co.

At S. S. Cobb's you will find the prettiest lines of ladies' dress skirts in Vinita.

Clerk W. E. Rowsey came down Thursday to attend the court and Ringling Bros., shows.

Pure drugs and an experienced druggist is what the doctor ordered—both at the Wright Drug Co.

Miss Maggie Alberty of Pryor Creek, has been appointed teacher in the Arapahoe school at a salary of \$540 a year.

If you fail to get your paper, notify this office promptly, or Arch Goodykoontz, city circulator, or George Blakeney, Strange Akin or John Crutchfield, carriers—the one serving you.

At the midweek prayer meeting at the Presbyterian church last night the pastor presented the subject of the personality of the Holy Spirit. An interesting service was had; quite a number were present and took part in the meeting.

Judge Thomas remarked to some friends during court the other day that it was his birthday and that he was 52 years old; the reporter for the DAILY CHIEFTAIN misunderstood his honor, and reported it 62. So the judge is ten years younger than reported.

## Truise Visitors.

Mrs. James Egan, Miss Cella Egan, Miss Neta Hall, Miss Lula Gray, Fred Scott, W. J. Barber, Pryor Price, Charley Robinson and L. J. Smith, editor of the Republican, embrace most of the Tulsa representation.

## The Big Circus.

The railroads have done everything in their power today to bring a crowd to Vinita to see the Ringling circus and with success. The "Katy" has handled the business with its regular train service, but the Frisco has run a special from Chandler, O. T., and also from Monett. The result is that never since the big Cherokee payment of 1894 have there been so many people in the city. And the circus is proportionately as great as the crowd. Fifteen years ago the Ringlings started out with less than a score of horses and a corresponding number of men. Now they have 400 horses and probably 900 men—including those in advance with the advertising cars, etc.—and several women. The show is just too stupendous for a person to see all in one performance, as there are sometimes a dozen acts of one kind and another going on in the arena at the same time.

A reporter took a stroll through all the tents this morning, in company with W. H. VanCleve, the press representative, and picked up considerable information about the manner of conducting the details of a big show. The secret of "setting up," giving two performances a day and moving, on an average of 75 miles, is thorough organization when every man has performed his allotted task, everything is done.

The first thing to be unloaded is the kitchen, and as soon in the morning as breakfast can be prepared a horn is blown and instantly work ceases and the canvas, stable men and employes of that character, "fall to." The actors and people of that character take breakfast and supper in the dining cars. All eat the noonday lunch on "the lot," and it is prepared in the same kitchen, though served in different "dining rooms," adjoining. The food is all inviting and nicely served, creamery butter being one item which was placed on the table in ample quantities. The table was set, for the laborers, in granite iron ware and as clean as soap and water could make it.

The equipment includes tailors and dressmakers, blacksmiths, wagon makers, harness makers and mechanics of all kinds.

The show also carries a detective, Johnny Ryan, who is pretty apt to know all the thieves who may "show up" and if need be they are passed over to the town or city authorities and locked up, as suspicious characters, until the circus is gone. Two veterinary surgeons are also employed, and their services are very much in demand.

## Out of Their Rations.

The Indian agents in Oklahoma are having some trouble keeping the little black-haired, brown-skinned boys and girls belonging to their reservations in school. Out of sheer, unmixed timidity, these Indian children refuse to attend the government schools which have been, and are being maintained at great cost in order that they may grow into civilized and educated men and women and take their places beside their white brothers and sisters with whom they must soon come in competition in all the walks of life. Major Woodson, agent for the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians, has been out in nearly all the Indian camps in southern and western Oklahoma "rounding up" these truant children and compelling them to attend school. The parents of these fullblood children of the forest use every subterfuge to keep their little ones away from the schools very much preferring to have them remain with them in their tepees and grow up wild and ignorant.

Woodson has within the last few days resorted to what would seem downright cruelty to compel them to go to school. He has instructed the farmers at all the sub-agencies to cut off all rations to those who do not see to it that their offsprings are in their places in the schools.

## Redfork Robbery.

Wednesday night at 9 o'clock four men wearing masks went into the Frisco depot at Redfork and presenting a gun compelled the agent to open the safe. He did so but its only contents of value were a check and thirteen cents in money. Both were declined, the "job" yielding nothing whatever. It is thought the robbers were residents of Redfork and the officers are working along those lines. Four cars of cattle were shipped the same night and it is surmised the men thought the agent had the freight money.

## Z AND X POST OFFICES.

Some Curiousities of Town Nomenclature That Are Found in the Postal Guide.

"Did it ever occur to you?" remarked the post office inspector, "that you will find more Zs in the post office directory than there are in the dictionary? No? Well, you count them and see. I never could understand why anybody would want to take the last letter in the alphabet to begin a name with, when they had pick and choice of all the others; but, you know, there are some people who always want to be last."

"And speaking of the Z post offices," continued the official, "I want to call your attention to the fact that there are 177 offices in the United States whose names begin with Z, or Zed or Izzard, according as you have been taught."

"Of the Z names it is easy to guess that Zion would lead the list, and it does with 14 offices to its credit, beside one Zions, a Zions Grove, a Zions Station, a Zions View, a Zions town, a Zionsville, two Zionsvilles and two Zionsvilles. There is a Zadok in South Carolina and two Zadoks in Arkansas and Missouri, which is not the Scriptural spelling; though who is to blame for that I do not know. There is a Za in Orange county, Va., which is the shortest name of the lot. What it means you will have to go to Orange to find out. Florida and Illinois have a Ziff each, Missouri has a Ziz and Indiana a Zip—relative to Old Zipp Coon, of darky days, perhaps. Ohio has a Zuck, California a Zucker and Pennsylvania a Zuckeville, Indiana and Texas have a Zulu each, and Missouri has the only Zola in the United States. Missouri and Colorado have the only Zebras. There are only three Zeros and four Zeniths, with only one Zodiac, about the most simple name in zoology to have selected. There are only six Zoars, all but one named from the parent Zoar, in Ohio, the well-known German settlement of peculiar sociologic and economic notions."

"Missouri has a Zwansig, evidently because 20 people first settled there. There are three Zebulons, the Kentucky and Georgia Zebulons being located in Pike counties in recognition of old Gen. Zebulon Pike, while Mississippi puts here in Attala county, for no particular reason. The largest post office beginning its name with Z is Zanesville, O., a charming town, by the way, on the Blue Muskingum river, where all the world is fair, or words to that effect. Excuse that burst of emotion, please. I was born in Ohio."

"But less even than the Z nomenclature is that of X," concluded the inspector, "and there are only nine in the entire country, five of them being Xenias, one each in Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, North Carolina and Ohio, which has the largest Xenia in the country and the largest town with an X name. Kentucky has a Xena. Tennessee has a Xenophon and a Xerxes, Georgia has a Xerxes and Hancock county, Tenn., heads the list with two post offices in her midst whose names begin with an X. As a winder to these remarks," said the inspector, as though he would say more if properly coaxed, "I may say that on June of last year there were 71,023 post offices in the whole country, and, as there cannot be two of the same name in any state or territory, you will not be surprised that the names of some of them indicate a famine in names. Another thing that might surprise you is the fact that the state of New York isn't at the head of the list by nearly 1,400 offices, Pennsylvania leading with 5,015, to 3,653 for New York. Ohio is third in the list with 3,203; Virginia fourth, with 3,234, while Illinois, with only 2,536, is outclassed by Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas, Missouri and North Carolina.—N. Y. Sun."

## How China Starts Her Navy.

China, who means to have a powerful fleet, and a fleet up-to-date, has been making preparations by first ordering the flags. Given the colors, the ironclads will follow, and by way of stimulating the spirit of patriotism and progress, the Chinese government has, it is said, ordered flags enough to deck the combined fleets of England, France and Italy. This contract goes to Germany, and a well-known flag manufacturer in Hanover has been engaged for some months in the production of the new colors for the new navy. The flag bears the dragon and is manufactured without any seam, dyed with chemical dyes.—

## World's Largest Tin Factory.

The largest tin factory in the world is situated on Sulo Brani, an island in the bay of Singapore. It turns out monthly 1,300 tons of tin, more than the product of Cornwall and more than half that of Australia. The ore comes from Selangor and Perak in Malacca.—N. Y. Journal.

## Railroad Building.

A railroad is being graded west from Bentonville and has reached the town of Gravitt, on the Pittsburg & Gulf. It is the impression that it is coming out on Cowskin prairie and will be constructed to Miami and become a part of the Memphis.

TAKEN UP—Brown horse, collar marks, roach mane, 15 or 16 years old, 154 hands high, came to J. H. Morris' place on Big Creek, 1 mile north of Hudson, on Feb. 27. Owner pay charges and take same away. J. H. Morris, Hudson, I. T. 1m

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